



*Jim Schlachter, Superintendent*

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## Gresham-Barlow School District No. 10Jt

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Dear Elementary School Parents,

Two years ago, the Gresham-Barlow School District moved away from the traditional school supply lists and adopted a school supply fee at the elementary level. After the beginning of the first year of collecting fees, we surveyed school office staff, teachers, and parents. We asked specific questions as well as general feedback on the successes and challenges of having a fee rather than individual lists. The responses were taken to a school supply committee for consideration in planning for future years.

The school supply committee evaluated all of the survey responses and decided to continue with the \$25 fee. This fee will cover the entire year's supplies for your student. School supply money will be used to purchase items such as pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, glue, etc. This per student classroom supply fee will also help us ensure that each student has the specific school supplies needed to fully participate in class.

Parents, you will still be responsible for providing your student with a backpack to safely transport homework to and from school. If this student classroom supplies fee is a burden for your family, please contact your school principal to discuss alternate options.

Thank you for your support of our school and our students.

Sincerely,

Julie Evans  
Executive Director of Elementary Education